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LATE TELEGRAMS.

Chicago 'Sky-Scraper' on Fire.
Calcutta, January 27.—A London cable-gran to the *Indian Daily Telegraph* states that a gigantic fire has occurred in a twenty-story building in Chicago. The panic which ensued among the 4,000 occupants was terrible, and heart rending scenes were witnessed. Twenty people were hurt.

Duke of Devonshire and Lord Rosebery.

The Duke of Devonshire is attending a political dinner to be given in honour of Lord Rosebery.

Charges Against Ruter's Madras Agent.

Yesterday, at the Madras Police Court, application was made for the arrest of Mr Murray, Ruter's Agent, on a charge of defalcation. A bailable warrant was issued.

Perilous State of the Bombay Cotton Industry.

Bombay, January 29.—The position of the cotton mill industry in Bombay at the present time is very serious, the phonomenon at issue in each industry in America having its effect here, and the result being that the prices have touched record figures. The present generation does not remember such figures. There is no margin for profit in the manufacture of yarn, as the price does not correspond with the cost of the raw material. The position is said to be complicated by the fall in silver, and the unsettled state of affairs in the Far East, resulting against business with China.

Some time ago fifteen mills ceased operations, including those of Messrs. Greville's Cotton Company. It is now stated that fifteen others will do so, unless a fresh supply comes. One quarter of the population of this big city is dependent for employment in the mills. The matter of long-drawn in this wholesale fact, is very serious.

The Thibet Mission.

Calcutta, January 29.—The latest advice of the Thibet Mission say that the Lhasa Depon, in an interview with Colonel Youngusband, after asking him again to return to Yatung, said that there would be serious trouble if he did not and if he attempted to advance. Reinforcements he said, had arrived at Guri, and Infantry and Cavalry were marching from Lhasa and Shigatze. The attitude of the Thibetans is more threatening, and it is thought not unlikely that Tura Camp may be attacked when sufficient reinforcements have collected at Guri.

Colonel Hodge, commanding the escort, is strongly entrenched. General Mac Donald is ready to move with a flying column at a moment's notice. The Mission, with Colonel Hodge, is safely awaiting the proper representative from Lhasa.

A later wire says that Depon, who interviewed Col. Youngusband, is the senior of the five Thibet Generals. The Lhasa's attitude is said to have been most insolent and provocative. They are openly and confidently in their superior numbers. At Phara the rumour is that reinforce ments are reaching Guri from all quarters. The Thibetans' Camp is eight miles north of Tura, on the direct road to Gyatze.

A belief is general that the Mission will be attacked when it leaves Tura. As to the presence of Russians in Thibet, trust worthy news from Lhasa absolutely contradicts the report that there is any body of Russians there now, or ever has been any there.

Army News.

Calcutta, January 26.—Sir James Waller, from Bombay, gets the seconded command, General Proudfit succeeding him.

The 110 additional officers sanctioned for the Indian Army will be distributed so as to bring the establishment in all corps of the Punjab Command up to thirteen officers each, and in other Commands up to twelve in each regiment, with the exception of the 42nd Deccan, 43rd Bengal, and 4th Marwar, which have their establishment raised to eighty British officers each. The establishment of the 9th Bengal Infantry and the 11th and 12th Marwar Corps will remain unchanged.

Allahabad, January 23.—Two new factories are now in course of erection in India, namely, those for breeches, cartridges, cordite and rifles, at Jubbulpore, Wellington and Jashpur, respectively. The erection of machinery in position is proceeding as rapidly as possible with a view of the manufacturing being taken up at an early date.

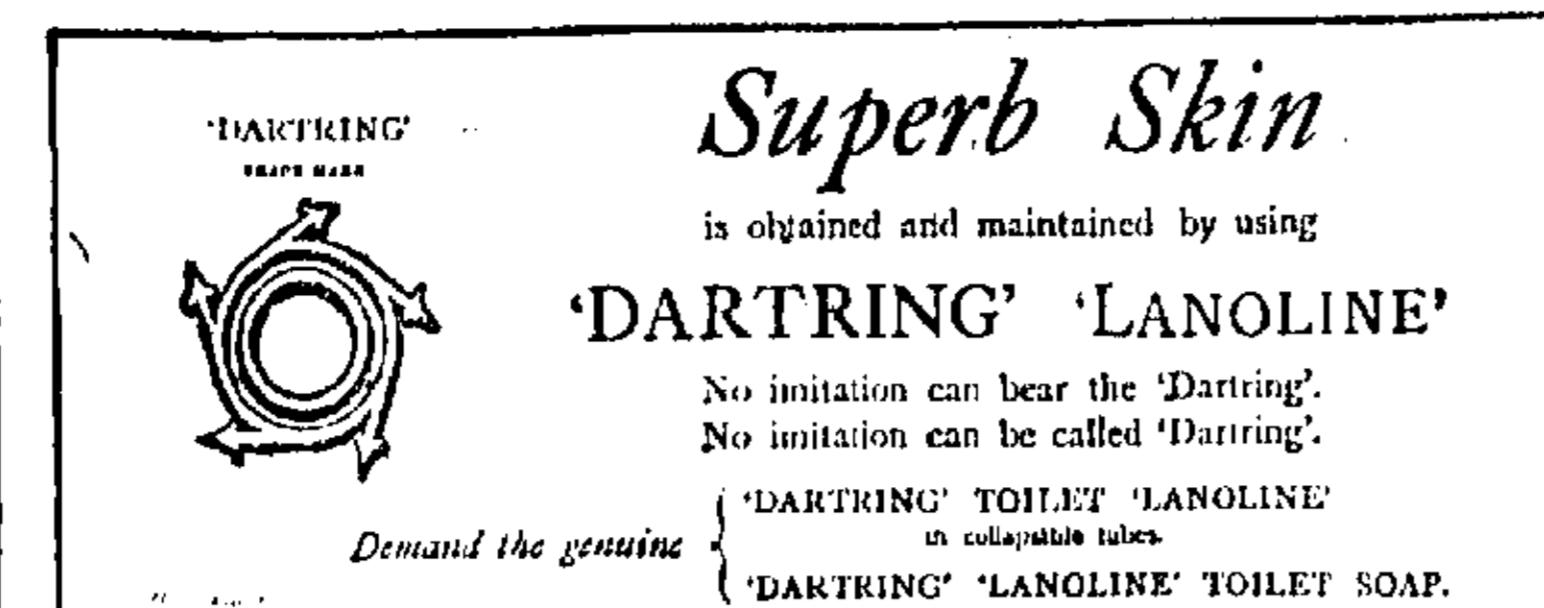
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Blenheim	cruiser, 1st class	9000	12	13,000	Capt. F. G. Stopford	Singapore
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Centurion	cruiser, 1st class	12,000	14	21,000	Captain Fagan	Amoy
Cressy	water tank and tug	390	—	900	Captain Henry M. Tudor	Hongkong
Cherub	cruiser, 2nd class	6800	11	9300	Captain Robert H. S. Stokes	Hongkong
Edmunda	sloop	1670	10	1400	Comdr. Ernest Barton	Singapore
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Teal	cruiser, 2nd class	3400	8	9000	Comdr. S. St. John Farquhar	Shanghai
Thetis	cruiser, 2nd class	383	3	2900	Lieut.-Com. A. B. Barker	Woehawie
Tweed	coast defence gunboat	12,350	16	13,500	Lieut.-Comdr. Ernest G. Hardy	Hongkong
Vengeance	battleship, 1st class	380	10	1400	In Reserve	Macao
Vestal	sloop	355	6	6500	Lieut.-Com. Hugh Somerville	Hongkong
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6 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The
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Insurance Co., Ltd., closed from this
date to the 5th March inclusive.
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MONDAY, February 22.—

6 a.m.—Meeting of Hongkong and Wham-
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DEATH.
At Yokohama, on the 5th February,
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at 5.00 p.m.**The China Mail.**

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1904.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Notes by the Way.
The English Mail of the 16th January
was delivered in London on the 13th Feb.It is announced that King Edward VII
will visit the German Kaiser in July next.The death is announced, at Melbourne,
of the once noted politician, Sir Graham
Berry.The King and Queen are to visit Ire-
land, reaching there on 23rd May, and re-
maining ten days.The Pope has consented to sit for his
bust to Herr Limburg, the German
sculptor. Herr Limburg is a recent con-
vert to the Roman Catholic Church.Refugees from Vladivostock report
that the town is in a very unsettled
state, and is unprepared to resist an
attack.Viceroy Alexieff and his staff have
left Port Arthur for Harbin.[CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE.]
THE JAPANESE CRUISERS.

(From Our Special War Correspondent.)

Arrival at Japan.

Tokio, February 17, 10.45 a.m.

The Japanese cruisers *Nysshin* and
Kasuga arrived at Yokosuka yesterday.

RUSSIANS IN KOREA.

Troops Moving South.

Russian troops have crossed the Yalu
River, and invaded Korea. A large
force of Russians is massed at Anju, on
the Cheng-chen-gang, and at Phyong-
yang, forty miles further south.At Antung-hsien, on the Yalu River,
Russian soldiers are also concentrated.ANOTHER ATTACK ON PORT
ARTHUR.

Damage Unknown.

It is officially stated that a second
attack has been made on Port Arthur
by the Japanese. Just before daylighton Sunday, 14th instant, two Japanese
(cruisers) and several torpedo-boats
attacked the Russian ships. The forts
opened fire on the Japanese, but with-
out effect. Darkness prevented the
Japanese from ascertaining whether
there were any Russian vessels sunk.

A Shipwreck.

The *Singapore Free Press* of the 10th
inst. says:—Captain Backhouse of the
British steamer *Bunko*, which arrived here
this morning from Low Island, one of the
Natuna Group, reports that on the 7th
instant while on the passage from Bunguran
to Low Island he observed a vessel, ap-
parently a schooner, on a reef about 14
miles south of Elphinstone Rock. The
vessel was nearly under water, and the
seas were breaking clean over her. There
were no signs of life on board.

Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

The 4th of April of this year being the

50th Anniversary of the formation of the

Corps, a suggestion that the occasion would
be a suitable one on which to have a re-
union of past and present Members at a
dinner in London has been favourably
received by Mr R. C. Atkinson, Mr P.
Maclean, Mr G. J. Morrison and Mr Ceci
Holliday, ex-Commanding Officers of the
Corps. A circular has been issued, and a
meeting is to be called at an early date to
appoint a Committee.

Band at King Edward Hotel.

By kind permission of Major Radcliffe
and Officers, the Band of the 93rd Burma
Infantry will play the following programme
of music at the above Hotel, during
dinner, on the 19th February:—March 'John Bull' 'Old Home
Overture' 'Haydn' 'Athena'
Selection 'The Duke of
Dantzig' 'Ivan Cervi'
Romance 'Ecouter Moi' 'Funke
Selection' 'Papirits' 'Leopold
Veltz' 'Aurora' 'Amur'
Intermezzo 'Pandora to Bol' 'Alfons
Gillet' 'God Save the King.'

The Dallas Comedy Company.

The Dallas Musical Comedy Company
arrived by the German mail steamer *Roon*
this morning. The Company comprises
twenty members, almost all new to Hong-
kong, with Mr Percival Knight (who made
such a hit when the Company was last here)
in the leading parts. It is stated by our
Singapore contemporaries that the Com-
pany is better than any combination ever
seen to the Far East by Mr Dallas. For
the opening night (Monday), 'A Chinese
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Company is strong in dancers and singers
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A very enjoyable dance was held at
the rooms of the Royal Ancient Order of
Bulldozes on Tuesday night. The dancing
room was tastefully decorated and the
other rooms were hung with flags and
greenery. After a long and varied program-
me no conclusion, the dance broke up, amid
universal regret. The committee worked
hard for the success of the dance and the
result attained was very satisfactory. Mr
J. H. Oxbury and Staff-Sergt. Hyett acted
as M. C's; Colour-Sergt. Fielding, S.F.
and Corporal Jenkins supplied the music;
and Messrs G. G. Burnett (vice-president),
J. J. Blake (Hon. Secretary) and Young
Hoe (Hon. Treasurer) assisted generally.

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THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

RUSSIAN PREPARATIONS.

Vladivostok Weak.

LONDON, February 16.

The Russians are very active in
Newchwang. All the fortifications are
being strengthened, and the Naval and
Military commands are being
re-organised.

Refugees from Vladivostok report

that the town is in a very unsettled
state, and is unprepared to resist an
attack.Viceroy Alexieff and his staff have
left Port Arthur for Harbin.THE CHINESE LEAVING
VLADIVOSTOK.Thirty thousand Chinese are with-
drawing from Vladivostok and the
surrounding districts.GREAT RECEPTION AT
YOKOHAMA.The officers on the Japanese Cruisers
Nysshin and *Kasuga* were accorded a
magnificent public reception at Yoko-
hama to-day.

THE WAR FUND.

Imperial Contribution:

All the ancient coins and bullion in
the treasuries at the Imperial Palaceare to be handed to the Bank of
Japan to be utilized for the War Fund.THE BRITISH CONSULS FOR
MANCHURIA.

(From Our Own Correspondent)

SHANGHAI, Feb. 18, 10.6 a.m.

Following the example of the United
States, the British Government has
appointed Consuls at Mukden and
Antung.

THE DEFENCE OF NAGASAKI.

The District of Nagasaki is now in a
state of siege. A naval defence line

has been created outside the Harbour.

THE MOVEMENT OF JAPANESE
TROOPS.

Both Powers Observing Secrecy.

A large number of Japanese trans-
port, convoyed by cruisers, has been
sighted proceeding in the direction of
Manchuria.Both Japan and Russia are observing
the strictest secrecy with regard to the
movements of their forces.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE NEUTRALITY OF CHINA.

LONDON, February 15.

France has accepted Mr Hay's note re-
garding the neutrality of China, and Great
Britain has agreed in principle. It is
expected that Russia will also concur.An official Japanese note published in
Paris says Japan has advised China to
remain neutral with a view of reducing the
evils of war to a minimum, although she is
well aware of the advantages to be derived
from an alliance with China. She now
urges China to take effectual measures to
protect strategic points, and to prevent
belligerents from violating Chinese
neutrality, from making Chinese ports
bases of operations, or from their being
used as places of refuge.Both Japan and Russia are observing
the strictest secrecy with regard to the
movements of their forces.

THE MANCHURIAN RAILWAY.

Admiral Alexieff admits that attempts

have been made to wreck the Manchurian
railway, and to blow up the bridge at
Sungari. He says these attempts were
noticed in time, and the line is now closely
guarded.THE RUSSIAN BLACK SEA
FLEET.

LONDON, February 16.

Mr Akers-Douglas said in the House of
Commons that Great Britain had not been
approached regarding the passage of the
Black Sea fleet through the Dardanelles;and he had no reason to suppose that
Russia contemplated such a violation of
treaties.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1904.

THE CHINA MAIL.

CANTON NOTES.

(From our Own Correspondent.)
CANTON, February 12.

DECLINE IN SILK.

Money is exceedingly tight amongst Chinese business men, and I hear that the silk merchants particularly are hard-pressed. Raw silk has declined about \$100 per picul during the past three weeks, but so far no failures are reported.

The City appears to be quiet except for the commencement of the customary festivities.

MURDER OF A REFORMER.

Mr. E. R. Halifax, acting deputy superintendent of the Hongkong Police, and Detective Inspector Gidley, arrived here on Monday last, with clever witnesses, who are now being examined at the Nanchi Magistracy in the City. The case which the two above-named officials are trying to prove is the murder of the reformer in Hongkong, which occurred some eight or nine months ago, and for which a reward to the murderer of Taeh 20,000 was paid in Canton. It will be remembered that the wrong man was assassinated. It is to be hoped that the guilty parties, active and passive, will be brought to book. The case seems an interesting one, and reflects great credit on Inspector Gidley, who, I am informed, has had charge of it. The two officials are to be soon going into the City early each day and returning late. It is unlikely that the case will be finished until after the Chinese New Year.

On Thursday last the German gunboat *Luchs* came up and moored off the Bund at 6.30 p.m.

Last night, at about 5 o'clock, a fire broke out in Choy Long Street, which is situated about 100 yards from the Canton side of the Shamian Creek. It raged furiously for some time and resulted in the destruction of twenty-two houses. Had the wind been favourable, it is possible that part of the Shamian would have been in danger. The fire originated in a rice shop, which together with the other houses was entirely destroyed.

THE TURF.

Some good times were made this morning on the training track. Brilliant's mile in 2.03 was the best made, but Golden Bell and Algerine also ran well. Che Sui, also, made fast time for three-quarters of a mile.

Romant covered half a mile in 50.4, the first quarter being timed as 30.

Colonel defeated Snark over the same distance, timed as 34.1, 1.05.

Zuglola defeated Tibbet over half-a-mile, timed as 32, 1.05.

Tee To Tum went over the same distance and was timed as 35, 1.06.

Panpandon defeated Enigrant over 3/4 of a mile, timed as 33.1, 1.07, 1.40.

Tai Yat defeated Modesty over the same distance, timed as 1.39.4, the quarters being 35, 1.19, 1.39.

Standard covered three-quarters of a mile in 1.38, the quarters being run in 32, 1.05, 1.38.

Arra-jogee's times for the same distance were 33, 1.05, 1.41.

Che Sui's times for three-quarters of a mile were 31.64, 1.27.

Huron's times for a mile were 35, 1.10, 1.43, 2.14.

Algerine was five seconds faster, the full times being 31.7, 1.04, 1.36, 2.09.

Maculat ran 1.1 miles, the last four quarters taking 33, 1.06, 1.41, 2.18.

Set's mile was timed as 2.19, three-quarters being run in 34, 1.08, 1.39, 2.12.

Fun defeated Provost over a mile run in 2.19. The quarters were timed at 37, 1.13, 1.45, 2.19.

Chantqua ran a mile in 2.21; the quarters being timed as 38, 1.12, 1.49, 2.21.

Red Toorie ran a mile in very slow time, viz. 2.27, the quarters being 38, 1.17, 1.51, 2.24.

Fiscal was half-a-second slower, the full times being 41, 1.21, 1.54, 2.23.

Golden Bell's mile was timed as 2.06; the quarters being 35, 1.08, 1.38, 2.05.

Brilliant was somewhat faster, the quarters being run in 33, 1.05, 1.35, 2.03.

Northern Rose galloped 14 miles in 2.63, the full times being 36, 1.09, 1.43, 2.18, 2.63.

Pandur's times for 14 miles were 37.1, 1.14, 1.51, 2.26, 3.32.

Eclipse was 45 seconds slower, the full times being 40, 1.18, 1.63, 2.26, 3.02, 3.37.

Talbot defeated Turbine over 11 miles run in 2.65, the quarters being 35, 1.10, 1.45, 2.21, 2.65.

Derby Candidates.

Go Bang ran half a mile in 1.08; the first quarter taking 36 sec.

Chiflant covered one mile in 2.22; the quarters being 38, 1.14, 1.49, 2.22.

Rex was 31 seconds faster, the full times were 35 3/8, 1.11, 1.46, 2.18.

La France Rose galloped one mile and a half in 3.28; the quarters being 38 3/4, 1.13, 1.48, 2.22, 3.28.

Alladin defeated Discour over a mile and a half run in 3.27, the quarters of which were timed as 35, 1.09, 1.42, 2.17, 2.52, 3.27.

Cricket.

The Dock Co. defeated a team from the Graigengower Cricket Club in Wednesday last by 101 runs. The scores were: Dock Co., 139; Graigengower, 38 runs.

Upstair's Fifteen two and a pair makes four, and Subbie, who was playing cricket with Pupsey, "will have you in your crib," ab, replied Pupsey, absent-mindedly, "just the evocation little customs toot-sins girl in the world."

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

An interesting football match between H.M.S. *Ceasy* and the Hongkong Football Club was played on Monday afternoon, and resulted in a draw.

Teams were as follow:—

H.K.F.C.: C. C. Hickling, goal; H. G. Austin and E. V. Angott, backs; H. C. Gray, J. W. C. Bonner and P. R. Wolff, halves; W. H. Williams, C. R. S. Cooper, R. Hancock, R. A. Whitmore, and J. D. Danby, forwards.

Cressy: Todd, goal; Briggs and Macdonald, backs; Martin, Smith and Noyas, halves; Hill, McCoy, Bridge, Mills and Townsend, forwards.

Referee, Sergeant Murphy.

The Cressy kicked off, and commenced to attack, and some fine play was shown. Both teams played well in the first half and good defence was shown by the Club. Hancock scored one goal for the Club. In the second spell the game grew exciting, and although the Cressy team played hard it seemed as though they would lose. Just before time was called Mills scored for them and equalised matters, the game ending one goal each.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. UNITED SERVICES.

This cricket match ended yesterday in a win for the Club by an innings and 47 runs. After the dismissal of Turner, the Cricket Club side collapsed and all were out for 437. This is by no means a record score for Hongkong, having been exceeded on at least two occasions, once by the Straits Settlements in the series of Interport matches in 1892. Turner and R. Hancock played excellent cricket, though not absolutely faultless, and Turner's big score included 39 boundary hits. This was the third century he has made this season. Hancock's 130 was the first three-figure innings in the City each day and returning late. It is unlikely that the case will be finished until after the Chinese New Year.

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ANGLO-JAPANESE LOCOMOTIVE AND ENGINEERING CO., LTD.

In order to comply with the Company's Ordinances of Hongkong, the first general meeting of this company was held on the afternoon of the 16th inst. at the registered offices of the Company, 39 and 41, Des Voeux Road, Hongkong, when Mr. Geo. K. Hall Bruton was voted to the chair.

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

The Chairman reported to the meeting that twelve acres of land, situated near Yokohama, Kanagawa-Ken, has been secured by purchase for 1,000 years, free from all charges except an Imperial tax of 2 per cent. of the assessed value, for the site of the Company's works in Japan. This land is already levelled, it has a hard solid bottom, and is quite ready for building upon. It has its own wharf and it is adjoining the Yokohama-Tokyo line of the Imperial Railway, and it is within 400 yards of the railway station. A more suitable site for our works it would be difficult to imagine, having as it has, water and railway accommodation ample for all its needs, however large the works and business may ultimately develop into. All the plains of the works, including the working drawings, are completed, and they are here for the shareholders to see. We have received very low tenders from highly responsible contractors for the complete erection of the buildings, the same to be completed within four months of signing the contract. Over 50 per cent. of the capital of the company has been promised, and this will be paid after the Chinese New Year. As soon as the capital is paid in, the Company will proceed with the construction and equipment of the works, which will take about seven months to complete, and be ready to commence the manufacture of locomotives and other machinery. Within the last few days very favourable offers have been made to the manager, which, if accepted, will in themselves keep a large and important section of our works fully and constantly employed. The Company is very fortunate in having secured as its managing agents the well-known firm of Messrs. Samuel Samuel & Co. of London, Yokohama, Formosa, and also where. Having regard to the influence and interest they have in Japan, Formosa, and the East generally, that firm is in an undoubted position to gauge what the prospects of the Company are, and as you know, they are bucking their opinion by subscribing largely to the capital of the Company. The present war between Japan and Russia, whatever its ultimate result may be, cannot adversely affect the prospects of the Company, for there are at present in Japan more than 4,000 miles of railway opened to traffic and fully and very profitable operation. Any one who has travelled in that country cannot fail to have been impressed by the enormous traffic, and with the fact that these 4,000 odd miles of railway are totally inadequate to the traffic requirements. Every train is overcrowded with passengers, and all the goods stations and depots are always piled up and almost bulging with merchandise waiting transit. The railway companies are busy doubling the existing lines, and the construction of new railways is being pushed on in almost every part of the Empire, and as soon as each section is completed it is opened for traffic. All the railways are very short of rolling stock, as the almost congested state of traffic to which I have referred proves; but they are remedying that as fast as they can. Locomotives and rolling stock will always be needed by these railways, and will be needed in increasing number as the traffic goes on developing; in fact the traffic development depends almost entirely on the increase of rolling stock. Locomotives and rolling stock wear out and require frequent repairs and renewals. Most of that work we expect to get. 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For even a share of the orders given by the Japanese railways, and a small share at that, will be sufficient to keep the rest of our works constantly and very profitably employed; profitably employed even if we have to sell at much lower prices than are paid for imported engines. But, gentlemen, I do not think we shall have to do so, for it is the intention of the management to turn out work of the highest possible standard only. Our manager has long been closely connected with the design and sale of engines holding the very highest reputation in Japan, engines for which higher prices have been invariably paid than for any others in that country; and it is his intention, and our intention as well, to take care that we build engines equal in every respect to the very best production of any part of the world.

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